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Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 24	Esther	18	0	0	0
25	Dagbjorg	16	0	0	0
28	Jno. Wilson	18	12	0	24
29	Alliance	16	1	0	1

History of yellow fever case on schooner Sunbeam and treatment of vessel.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports, May 14, as follows: On May 8 the schooner *Sunbeam*, of about 25 tons, entered this harbor from Port Limon, Costa Rica, and in accordance with quarantine in force against that port, was immediately ordered into quarantine waters, an open roadstead 5 miles from Bluefields and three-fourths of a mile from the harbor proper. When boarded there by the port physician the captain was found to be sick. The day following I visited the boat in company with this physician and elicited the following history: The schooner arrived in Limon from Bluefields Sunday morning, May 3, and left there Monday night. The captain was ashore both Sunday and Monday. On Tuesday night he was taken sick, and from the history of the case and his condition when I saw him on the fifth day of his illness, I did not hesitate to pronounce it yellow fever, though of a mild type. He has since gone on to recovery. As the crew had been in communication with him for five days and had been six days from Limon and were all well and as there was no suitable place in which to isolate them, I advised that all be kept aboard, a thorough disinfection of the boat and contents to be performed, and close observation made for six days, when if all had continued well she could be safely given free pratique.

The disinfection was supervised by me and consisted in the burning of sulphur in open pots in the hold, forecastle, and cabin, 5 pounds to the 1,000 cubic feet, followed by washing the hold and all woodwork in forecastle and cabin with a sea-water solution of bichloride of mercury 1:1,000. This was the easier done, the boat being in ballast. A close inspection before and after disinfection failed to reveal the presence of mosquitoes, a condition to be expected, as the schooner for three days sailed against strong head winds. I anticipate no spread of the infection to the town or shipping.

The local health authorities, especially the port physician, Dr. V. Gurdian, are to be commended for establishing the quarantine and the vigorous enforcement of the same.

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Plague at Callao—Origin of outbreak—Quarantine against Callao.

Minister Dudley, at Lima, reports, May 12, as follows: The existence of bubonic plague at Callao became public on the 5th instant, three deaths having occurred during the preceding week, as is supposed, from this cause.

The bacteriologist of the municipality of Lima and physicians who have undertaken a diagnosis of the alleged cases of plague at Callao state the number of genuine cases, I am told, to have been 10. Of